

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 1, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(85) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – N99.2.23; On February 4, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-07 introducing a “MontanaChoice” feature package for residential customers in

Competitive Pricing zones. Features include call forwarding, call waiting, caller ID, 3-way calling and anonymous call rejection. The standard MontanaChoice rate is \$5.58/month. The rate is \$3.58, and the service is only available in the competitive zones. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(86) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO – Docket N99.2.25; On February 5, 1999, Citizens Telecommunications filed tariff pages for text changes clarifying the Remote Call Forwarding Service and applicable usage charges. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(87) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – N99.2.44; On February 4, 1999, U S West filed to revise the tariffs for the Cellular Loaner Program in accordance with its commitment to offer the program on a voluntary basis through December 31, 1999. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(88) In the matter of LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY- N99.1.12; On January 25, 1999, Lincoln Telephone Company filed tariff pages to provide CLASS services on a detariffed basis. Lincoln has now agreed to offer these services on a tariffed basis, consistent with the tariffed services of other similar companies. The proposed services include Caller ID, Call Trace, Anonymous Call Rejection, Continuous Redial, etc. This item was noticed on the 2/1/99 agenda. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing on a tariffed basis.. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(89) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.17; On January 28, 1999, Citizens Telecommunications filed Advice Letter No. MT-99-02, adding pay per use charges for Repeat Dialing, Call Return, and Call Tracing Service, which apply when the feature is activated irrespective of whether the call is completed or not.. The associated minimum rates, the price list, and supporting cost data for the new offerings were also filed. This was a notice item on 2/16/99 Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(90) In the matter of INTERBEL TELEPHONE COOP – D98.10.225; On October 6, 1998, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. notified the PSC that it had made a bona fide request (BFR) to InterBel Telephone Cooperative for implementation of intraLATA equal access. On December 15, 1998, the PSC waived the requirements of ARM 38.5.4101 – 38.5.4120, voted to treat the BFR as a request for interconnection negotiations pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(3) and § 69-3-834(2), MCA, and suspended further action until the parties had filed either a request for arbitration or an implementation agreement for approval. AT&T notified the PSC by letter received on December 28, 1998, that it wished to withdraw its BFR because InterBel had already implemented dialing parity via the “2-PIC” method. Therefore, no further PSC action is required and the Docket should be closed. Commissioner Rowe moved to close the docket. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(91) In the matter of LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY – D98.10.226; Lincoln Telephone Company filed an application for approval of its IntraLATA dialing parity implementation plan on January 25, 1999, and concurrently filed a Motion for Partial Waiver of the PSC’s dialing parity rules. Lincoln’s plan provides for implementation within nine months of receiving a BFR from AT&T (on or about October 6, 1998). Thus, Lincoln requests a waiver of the six-month requirement in ARM 38.5.4103(2)(a). Lincoln represents that it has contacted AT&T, the only requesting carrier, and that AT&T does not object to the waiver. Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the waiver. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(92) In the matter of TN1977; Glenda A. Resch dba South Lake Taxi, Polson, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9218 to Dennis F. Orr, Sr. dba South Lake Taxi, Pablo, Montana for a six month period, March 1, 1999 to September 1, 1999.

Class B - Persons within the City of Polson, Montana and between points and places within a seventy (70) mile radius thereof.

Limitations: 1) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. 2)

Transportation must originate or terminate in Lake County. 3) Carrier is prohibited from picking up passengers in Flathead County. 4)

Transportation is limited to ten (10) passengers or less.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lease for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(93) In the matter of TN1978; City Transfer Line of Butte, Montana, Butte, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 1790 for a final six (6) month period, February 23, 1999 to August 23, 1999.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

Class C - Property within the City of Butte, Montana and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Anderson moved to suspend PSC No 1790. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(94) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for January 4 through February 16, 1999 Minutes. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(95) In the matter of approval of Commission April 1999 Calendar; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Commission Calendar for the month of April 1999. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Feland was absent for the first two items and did not vote on them.  
Commissioner Feland was present for the remaining items and did cast his votes.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh

(96) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the PSC Passthrough Order of Fees Levied on Regulated Companies for Funding the Department of Public Service Regulation; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Final Order granting a retroactive tax rate increase of .25%. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, Dave Burchett

(97) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of City of Helena Gas License (Permanent) - Docket No. N98.9.200; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the City of Helena a permanent gas supplier license. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(98) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Rate Restructuring – Docket No. D96.12.220; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Interim Order No. 5965e on a final basis (Final Order on Settlement of Judicial Review). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(99) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Win Back Tariffs – Residential Customers – Docket No. N99.2.20; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject the Win Back Residential Tariff and directed staff to note in the Order that a refiling of Win Back with a six month effective term, which is available for resale, would be acceptable. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Feland, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

(100) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Business Customers tariff filing – Docket No. N99.2.44; Commissioner Rowe moved to reject the Business Customer Win Back Tariff and directed staff to reference Order No. 6098 and the order in N99.2.20 in this order.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Jay Driscoll

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan v CenturyTel – Complaint – Docket No. D99.2.36; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Notice of Complaint with a 20 day response time. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 8, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Santa Fe, New Mexico but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

#### APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(102) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.2.30; On February 10, 1999, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 99-10 “E-Mail and URL Listing Packages”, to introduce a new Internet Listing Package option. This filing reduces the non-recurring rate for resident and business E-mail and URL directory listing. Also, customers who purchase both E-mail and a URL listing will receive a discount. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(103) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. – Docket N99.2.33; On February 12, 1999, Sprint Communications filed changes to its Montana PSC Price List No.1 as follows: To decrease Sprint Business Flex 500 Switched and Dedicated Rates; and to add text to change the Carrier Access Code from 10333 and 10XXX to 10-10-XXX. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Price List Changes in No. 1. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(104) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. – Docket N99.2.39; On February 18, 1999, Sprint Communications filed changes to its Montana PSC Price List No.1. This filing adds text to Section 3.3 Liability of the Carrier. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Price List Changes in No. 1. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(105) In the matter of CENTURYTEL – Docket N99.2.34; On February 12, 1999, CenturyTel filed Tariff Advice No. 99-1 to introduce a promotional offering in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise. The period of the promotion, if approved, will be March 15 through April 30. CenturyTel last offered this same promotion for the period October 1, 1998, through November 30, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(106) In the matter of AT&T – Docket N99.2.40; On February 18, 1999, AT&T filed Advice 99-01 to make changes to its Local Service Tariff. This filing removes 800 codes from the list of business lines a customer is responsible for obtaining on their own and introduces the Deal of the Century promotion. Both of these revisions are for the AT&T Digital Link Service. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Advice No. 99-01. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(107) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.2.46; On February 22, US West filed tariff pages to introduce the Additional Line Spring 1999 Promotion. The promotion offers residential customers a waiver of 50% of the installation charge for each additional line. The offer is limited to two additional lines per customer location. The promotional period is from March 29th through May 22, 1999. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(108) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY – Docket N99.2.31; On February 10, 1999, Sprint Communications filed tariff pages to introduce language and rates regarding the contributory and eligible usage regulations of Business Sense and language regarding the Sprint Business Flex product. Commissioner McCaffree moved to the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(109) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D99.2.32; On February 11, 1999, MPC filed for authority to increase the amount of a financing lease previously authorized in Default Order No. 5997, with respect to the acquisition and installation of an automated meter reading system by \$4,000,000, from \$20,000,000 to \$24,000,000. Commissioner moved McCaffree to approve the default order. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

#### APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(110) In the matter of TN1976; Terry McIntosh dba Hi-Line Transportation, Havre, Montana requests permission to suspend the Class A operations allowed under PSC No. 9406, for a six month period effective March 12, 1999 to September 12, 1999. This request has been noticed to the public.

Class A – Passengers between Havre, Montana and Great Falls, Montana regularly serving the intermediate points of Big Sandy and Fort Benton and with on-call service to Box Elder, Loma and Carter, Montana.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request to suspension the Class A operations for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(111) In the matter of T-998.66.ST; On November 25, 1998 Dennis L. and Trudi K. Hovden dba Old Trapper Taxi, Helena, Montana made application to transfer PSC No. 2111 to Daniel and Elisabeth Danielsen dba Old Trapper Taxi, San Lorenzo, California. Both parties are requesting that this application be withdrawn and the docket closed.

Class C - Property as specified (general commodities except commodities in bulk in tank trucks,) within the City of Helena, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Class B - Persons, baggage and express within the city limits of Helena, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the request for withdrawal. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)



At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left his votes and or proxies with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(112) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utility – USBC – Motion for Reconsideration – Docket No. D99.2.29; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the Motion for Reconsideration and directed staff write to MDU requiring them to submit their plan and allow MDU an additional 10 days to submit the plan. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Feland who voted him aye.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll

(113) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecom - Docket No. D98.10.223 and Blackfoot Telephone – Docket No. D99.1.6); Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant Clark Fork Telecom an extension of time to file their Dialing Parity Plan to March 16, 1999. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner McCaffree who voted him aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(114) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Valley Taxi – Complaint Letter; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue a Notice of Complaint. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Fisher who voted him aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(115) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kern v USWC Complaint – Docket No. D99.2.21; Commissioner Anderson moved to dismiss the complaint without prejudice. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson who voted him aye.

## APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(116) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Eric Eck to Arlington, Virginia to attend the Electricity Seminar. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(117) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve out-of-state travel for Mike Lee to attend the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, April 11-13, 1999. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Feland dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 15, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Washington, D.C. but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(118) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICAITONS – Docket N99.2.43; On February 22, 1999, US West filed to introduce a new package of features marketed as ValueChoice to residential customers. The package includes an individual flat rated access line and the following features:

Anonymous Call Rejection, Call Forwarding - Variable, Call Waiting Continuous Redial, Last Call Return, Priority Call, and Three-Way Calling. Three new packages of features are also introduced, available to residence customers with additional lines. They are the Fax Package, Teen/Roommate Package and Home Office Package. Additionally, the rate for CustomChoice with additional lines is being reduced from \$29.95 to \$26.95 per month. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(119) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICAITONS – Docket N99.2.35; On March 3, 1999, US West filed revised replacement pages for Competitive Zone pricing. The filing removes the references to maximum rates for non-recurring rate elements, as directed by the Commission in the original flexible pricing order. Staff recommends approval of the amended pages. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the revised replacement pages. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(120) In the matter of AT&T – Docket N99.2.48; On February 25, 1999, AT&T filed Advice 99-02 to make changes to its Local Service Tariff. This filing introduces AT&T Digital Link – Flat Rate Plan Promotion. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Advice 99-02. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(121) In the matter of ONE EIGHTY COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.3.50; On March 2, 1999, One Eighty Communications filed revised tariffs to reflect a name change to Avista Communications. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the revised tariffs. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Washington, D.C. but left his votes and/or proxies with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang

(122) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Comments on Federation Communication Committee (FCC) NPR - Slamming Rules; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the comments and asked that they be forwarded to the FCC. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Martin Jacobson

(123) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Eclipse Communication – Tariff Filing (IntraLATA) – Docket No. D99.2.42; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the local service section of application; reject the long distance toll section as unnecessary; and direct staff to work on a PSC policy for dealing with IntraLATA. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Feland, who cast him aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Jay Driscoll

(124) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Business Promotion – Docket No. N99.2.45; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the promotional filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Lincoln Telephone – IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plan – Docket No. D98.10.226; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Carrier Notification Letter and grant Lincoln Telephone's request for a waiver of Rule Section 38.5.120. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson, who cast him aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 22, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(126) In the matter of US WEST – Docket N99.1.14; On January 26, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 98-45, Revisions, proposing the addition of a competitive zone price for Centrex 21 inside the base rate area in Sidney, as well as a promotional period to waive installation and conversion charges for 90 days after approval when customers subscribe to Centrex 21. The price proposed is the same as the price approved by the Commission for Glendive. The Commission previously deferred action on this filing until final action on US WEST's request for flexible pricing in Sidney and Fairview. That order has been issued with no motions for reconsideration being filed. Staff recommends approval of N99.1.14. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(127) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.3.55; On March 9, 1999, Sprint filed tariff pages to grandfather the Sprint Worldwide II service and add text to Sprint Unlimited. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(128) In the matter of T-98.62.RI; On November 17, 1998 Foosco, Inc. dba City Cab and Two Shews, Inc. dba Billings Yellow Cab, Billings, Montana through their agent, Montana Tariff Bureau, made application for increased rates and charges applying to the transportation of passengers in and around Billings, Montana. These increases were between six percent and thirteen percent. On November 23, 1998 the rate increase was noticed to the public and a protest was received. On December 21, 1998 a Suspension Order was issued. The protest was been withdrawn and the Suspension Order may be vacated and the rate increase approved as requested with a salary stipulation for drivers.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to vacate the Suspension Order and approve the rate increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)



At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney, Wendy Fuller, Bonnie Lorang

(129) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – 271 Filing following Order to Dismiss – Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reinstate the Procedural Schedule in this docket. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney, Wendy Fuller, Bonnie Lorang

(130) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – 271 Filing – Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to draft a letter to USWC and ROC (Regional Oversight Committee) encouraging a Multi-State-Third Party testing approach to OSS. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Jay Driscoll

(131) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Dialing Parity correcting defective notice on USWC's proposal to raise rates and recover rates – Docket No. D98.4.86; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny AT&T's Motion for Late Intervention as moot and to renotice D98.486 (portion of USWC plan regarding cost recovery issues that will result in an access rate increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson, Rowe and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Fisher dissented.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll

(132) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Lincoln Telephone – Dialing Parity Plan – Docket No. D98.10.226; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the plan with waivers of ARM 38.5.4115 and ARM 385.4120 and to require Lincoln to comply with the 30 day rule for customers to pick their InterLATA carrier when commencing local exchange service. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(133) In the matter of Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications, Inc.'s - Docket No. D98.10.223, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s – Docket No. D98.10.227, and Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Inc.'s – Docket No. D99.1.6 - Implementation of 1+ IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plans; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Interexchange Carrier Notices. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(134) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the closure of several inactive telecommunications dockets – D97.2.23 and D97.7.116; Commissioner McCaffree moved to close Docket No. D97.2.23 – Project Telephone Extended Area Service. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. No motion was made on D97.7.116.

(135) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Wireless - Eligible Telecom Carrier – Docket No. D98.8.190; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to establish a procedural schedule in this docket. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(136) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ravalli County Council on Aging – Docket No. T-99.1.PCN; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the protestants Motion to Compel, the Motion to Dismiss and the Motion to Continue. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 29, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation but left his votes with the Commission Secretary via a telephone call March 30, 1999. Commissioner Rowe was absent due to an ill child but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(137) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.3.58; On March 11, 1999, US West filed tariff pages to introduce a promotional offering for Digital Switched Services (DSS) trunks. The offering allows current PBX analog trunk customers to upgrade to Basic DSS with a waiver of the non-recurring DSS Basic trunk charges when entering into a 3 or 5 year rate stability agreement. During the promotion period, the non-recurring charge for Basic DSS facility and common equipment will be waived for customers who enter into a 5 year rate stability agreement. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period of 90 days beginning on April 5, 1999. The installation must be completed by October 1, 1999, which gives the customer time to convert to digital CPE if necessary. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(138) In the matter of T-98.68.ST; On December 15, 1998 Foosco, Inc. dba City Cab, Billings, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 7489, to Mark L. Foos dba City Cab, Billings, Montana.

Class B - Passengers and their baggage between all points and places within Yellowstone, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon and Big Horn Counties. Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern Railroad Co. work crews is prohibited.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(139) In the matter of T-99.2.PCN; On February 17, 1999 Valley County Transit, Glasgow, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the following:

Class A – Passengers between Glasgow, Montana and Glendive, Montana serving the following intermediate points: Nashau, Frazer, Wolf Point, Poplar, Culbertson, Sidney and Savage, with on-call service to Brockton, Montana.

No protests were received

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(140) In the matter of T-99.3.ST; On February 5, 1999 Waste Management of Montana, Inc. dba Waste Management of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 2717, to Montana Waste Systems, Inc., Great Falls, Montana.

Class D - Garbage (including trash and junk) within the corporate limits of the City of Great Falls, Montana and suburban areas within a radius of ten miles thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

SUB B Class D - Garbage and refuse pickup service of government installations within 150 mile radius of Great Falls, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

SUB C Class C - Recyclable materials between all points and places within the State of Montana. Limitations: Transportation of the following is prohibited: 1. Petroleum and petroleum products; 2. Scrap materials within the City of Kalispell, Montana, and between points and places within a (10) mile radius of the City of Kalispell; 3. Scrap materials serving the Lake Blaine area and between points within an eleven (11) mile radius from the south end of Lake Blaine. This limitation does NOT bar transportation of scrap to or from a centralized consolidation center in Kalispell, Montana, to or from points outside the area of limitation.

SUB D Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage in the City of Choteau, Montana and to or from points and places within a radius of thirty (30) miles thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route is prohibited.

SUB E Class D - Garbage and refuse between points and places within a 60 mile radius of Great Falls, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: 1) Transportation originating from points and places within a ten (10) mile radius of Great Falls Montana is prohibited. 2) Transportation within the town of Raynesford and a five (5) mile radius thereof is prohibited. 3) Transportation within the town of Geyser and a five (5) mile radius thereof is prohibited.

SUB F Class D - Garbage and refuse in roll off container service only, within the town of Raynesford, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof and within the town of Geyser and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

SUB G Class D - Solid waste serving Lincoln, Montana, and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(141) In the matter of T-99.4.ST; On February 5, 1999 Waste Management of Montana, Inc. dba Waste Management of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9369, to Montana Waste Systems, Inc., Great Falls, Montana.

Class D - Garbage and refuse within the town of Raynesford, Montana and a five mile radius thereof and within the town of Geyser and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Transportation service provided by roll off containers is prohibited.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(142) In the matter of T-99.5.ST; On February 23, 1999 Glenda A. Resch dba South Lake Taxi, Polson, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9218 to Dennis F. Orr, Sr. dba South Lake Taxi, Pablo, Montana.

Class B - Persons within the City of Polson, Montana and between points and places within a seventy (70) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. 2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Lake County. 3) Carrier is prohibited from picking up passengers in Flathead County. 4) Transportation is limited to ten (10) passengers or less.

No protests were received.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

#### APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(143) In the matter of approval of Commission May 1999 Calendar; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Commission Calendar for the month of May 1999. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 30, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation but left his votes and/or proxies with the Commission Secretary.

#### APPEARANCE

(144) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Havre Pipeline Rate Increase – Application by Black Hills Exploration for Late Intervention – Docket No. D98.6.127; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant late intervention to Black Hills Exploration . Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left his proxy to Commissioner Feland who casts Anderson "aye".

#### APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Eric Eck, Joel Tierney

(145) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's request to extend terms of accounting orders approved in Order No. 5986d – Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the requested Extension of Accounting Orders as agreed to by MPC and MCC (Montana Consumer Counsel. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson votes aye.

(146) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MDU – USBC – (March 15, 1999 letter regarding judicial review of Order No. 6143) – Docket No. D99.2.29; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson left his proxy to Commissioner McCaffree who casts Anderson "aye".

#### APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(147) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana School Board Association – Electricity Supplier License Application – Docket No. N99.3.52; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve MSBA's application for license. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)